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SUBJ: NAMIBIA - INTERNAL SWAPO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK

1. INTERNAL SWAPO LEADER TJONGARERO CAME TO SEE ME AT
THE HOTEL IN WINDHOEK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (FEB 5) AFTER
VICAR GENERAL MORROW TRACKED HIM DOWN AND PASSED MESSAGE
THAT I WANTED TO DISCUSS TRAVEL PLANS, AND NOT PROPOSALS.

2. I ASKED TJONGARERO WHERE HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES STOOD
ON TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND SPECIFICALLY WHETHER THEY HAD
APPLIED FOR PASSPORTS OR NOT. HE SAID THEY HAD NOT
MADE APPLICATION. THE WORD THEY HAD RECEIVED FROM SWAPO-
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LUSAKA WAS THAT LUSAKA WOULD HANDLE ALL ARRANGEMENTS,
INCLUDING DOCUMENTATION. HE WAS EXPECTING A CALL
FROM LUSAKA THIS MORNING (FEB 6) TO INFORM HIM
WHAT HIS GROUP SHOULD DO. TJONGARERO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD
THEY WERE TO BE IN NEW YORK BY FRIDAY.

3. I TOLD TJONGARERO WE HAD CONTACTED THE SAG ABOUT

DOCUMENTATION AND THEY GAVE US THE IMPRESSION THEY WOULD NOT BE A PRN VWEM BUT THEY NEEDED APPLICATIONS. SINCE IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT TJONGARERO WAS LOOKING TO LUSAKA AND NOT TO US FOR GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE, I DID NOT PRESS HIM FURTHER.

4. SINCE DRAFTING THE ABOVE, TJONGARERO CALLED THE EMBASSY (FEB 6) AND SAID HE HAD CALLED LUSAKA THAT MORNING AND HAD ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THEIR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. LUSAKA, HE SAID, HAD JUST CALLED HIM BACK AND REPORTED THAT THEY HAD ARRANGED WITH THE WESTERN FIVE IN LUSAKA THAT "YOU WOULD ISSUE US WITH WAIVERS". ASKED IF HE MEANT VISAS, TJONGARERO SAID NO HE UNDERSTOOD TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. WHEN INFORMED AGAIN THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES SHOULD APPLY TO THE SAG FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, HE SAID THAT SWAPO IN LUSAKA HAD TOLD THEM NOT TO APPLY. WE REPLIED THAT WE DID NOT THINK THE FIVE IN LUSAKA HAD MEANT TO SUGGEST THAT WE COULD ISSUE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AS SUCH. LUSAKA 0341, WHICH WE JUST RECEIVED, CONFIRMS THAT EMBASSY LUSAKA STRESSED TO SWAPO LEADERS THERE THAT WE COULD NOT HELP THE WINDHOEK GROUP GET OUT OF NAMIBIA.

5. SUBSEQUENTLY, TJONGARERO AND THEN MILNER TLHANBANELLO, SECRETARY FOR PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION, PHONED THE EMBASSY TO ENQUIRE ABOUT THE SITUATION. THEY SAID THEY HAD BOOKED A FLIGHT FOR TOMORROW (FEB 7) TO JOBURG AND ON TO LUSAKA AND ASKED TO WHOM WE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD APPLY FOR AN IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE ON PASSPORTS. WE PASSED THE ENQUIRY ON TO J.H. DE
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KLERK IN THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE WHO SAID THAT SWAPO SHOULD APPLY TO THE DEPT OF INTERIOR OFFICE IN WINDHOEK, WHICH DE KLERK SAID, "WILL BE INFORMED". WE CONVEYED THE INFO TO TLHANBANELLO WHO SAID HE WOULD CONTACT THE SUGGESTED OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR INCLUSION OF INTERNAL WING LEADERS IN THE NEW YORK TALKS CAME FROM THE WINDHOEK LEADERS. THIS POSSIBILITY WAS FIRST RAISED BY SWAPO LEADERS WITH POLCOUN TAYLOR IN WINDHOEK ON MONDAY, JAN 30. THE NEXT MORNING (JAN 31) WHEN TAYLOR WENT TO SEE TJONGARERO, THE LATTER WAS TRYING TO PHONE THE SWAPO OFFICE IN LUSAKA. TJONGARERO SAID THE EXECUTIVE HAD HAD A MEETING AND DECIDED TO GO TO LUSAKA AND REQUESTED WESTERN ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PASSPORTS. THAT AFTERNOON, TLHANBANELLO GAVE TAYLOR THE LIST OF SWAPO INTERNAL WING LEADERS WHO, HE SAID, PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LUSAKA. TLHANBANELLO SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE GROUP ARRIVE IN LUSAKA BEFORE THE SWAPO DELEGATION LEFT FOR NEW YORK. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION HE SAID THE REQUEST FOR WESTERN FIVE ASSISTANCE WAS AN OFFICIAL SWAPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (INTERNAL) REQUEST AND HAD BEEN APPROVED BY "LUSAKA" (SWAPO EXTERNAL). IN A LATER CONVERSATION TLHANBANELLO AGAIN CONFIRMED THESE

POINTS.

7. COMMENT: THE SWAPO INTERNAL LEADERS MAY CHECK WITH LUSAKA AGAIN BEFORE APPLYING FOR PASSPORTS. THE DELAY IN THEIR MOVING AHEAD MAY BE THE RESULT OF CONFUSION. ALTERNATIVELY, THE WINDHOEK GROUP MAY BE GETTING THE RUNAROUND BY THE LUSAKA SWAPO HEADQUARTERS. IF THE LATTER STILL REFUSE TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR SAG PASSPORTS, THE INTERNAL LEADERS PRESUMABLY, BUT NOT NECESSARILY, WILL ABIDE BY THAT DECISION. REQUEST DEPT GUIDANCE IN THE EVENT THE WINDHOEK GROUP INFORMS US THAT THEY ARE UNWILLING TO OBTAIN SAG PASSPORTS AND FIND THE AIRLINES PROVIDING CONNECTIONS TO LUSAKA ARE UNWILLING TO CARRY THEM WITHOUT PASSPORTS.

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